



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Director of the Department of Public Utilities modify to extend the contract and to increase funding to an indefinite quantity contract with Watershed Organic Lawn Care for the Green Infrastructure Inspection and Maintenance Project. The City of Columbus is committed to investing in green infrastructure. As part of this commitment, the City has built a number of bio-retention basins in the right-of-way and/or on City owned property.

A bioretention basin consists of a soil bed planted with vegetation located above a gravel layer with an underdrain. Stormwater runoff entering the bioretention facility is filtered first through the vegetation and then the soil bed before being conveyed downstream through the underdrain system, slowing the runoff velocity and treating stormwater runoff by absorption, decomposition, and filtration. Bioretention facilities are often sited adjacent to and used to treat runoff from paved surfaces such as parking lots.

Bioretention basins improve water quality through: soil and media filtration, stormwater detention, natural evapotranspiration, and biological uptake of water and nutrients. Stormwater can be conveyed to bioretention facilities via sheet flow, channelization, curb cuts, inlets or conveyance systems.

The City is currently responsible for the maintenance of 14 Facilities with 55 basins/wetlands and 24 swales in Group 1- Water and Regional Basins. These facilities are located at Idlewild Drive, Griggs Reservoir, O'Shaughnessy Reservoir, Hoover Reservoir, Dublin Road Water Plant, 910 Dublin Road Landscape, Briggs Road Detention, Crawford Farms Stormwater Retrofit, Mound Street Booster Station, Smokey Row Booster Station, and Joyce Avenue. Each facility and location may have multiple sites with basins, swales, or other types of green infrastructure. Additional facilities may be added in the future.

The City is currently responsible for the maintenance of 11 facilities with 436 basins in Group 2- Urban Basins Type A. These facilities are located at Weisheimer Road, Overbook/Chatham, Schreyer-Springs, Weisheimer-Indian Springs, Morse-Dominion, Blenheim-Glencoe Cooke/Glenmont, American Addition Phase I, Moler Road, Brentnell Avenue & Bar Harbor Road, American Addition Phase 2 & 3. Additional facilities may be added in the future.

The City is currently responsible for the maintenance of 8 facilities with 106 basins in Group 2- Urban Basins Type B. These facilities are located at Barthman Parsons, W. Town Street/U.S.62 DA, 2nd Street, River South Roadways W. Rich Street- Riversouth Street, W. Main Street Riversouth Street, W. Broad St. at Starling Street. Additional facilities may be added in the future.

Watershed Organic Lawn Care will coordinate with Stormwater and Regulatory Management Section (SRMS) staff when performing inspection and maintenance at the remaining basins.

The Department of Public Utilities publicly opened three bids on June 10, 2020 and Watershed Organic Lawn Care was the lowest, responsive, responsible and best bidder. An indefinite quantity contract was established in accordance with Request for Quotation RFQ015680 and authorized under Ordinance Number 1534-2020. Renewal and modification #1 was authorized by Ordinance #0296-2021 which extended the expiration date and added funding through August 31, 2022. Modification #2 was authorized by Ordinance #2980-2021 which added additional funding to the contract. Renewal/Modification #3 was authorized by Ordinance #0962-2022 which extended the expiration date and add additional funding through August 31, 2023. Modification #4 was authorized by Ordinance #0973-2023 which added additional funding to the contract.

It is the intent of the Department of Public Utilities that this indefinite quantity contract modification #5 add additional funding and extend the contract through October 31, 2023. The contract language allowed for the option to renew annually for two (2) additional one year periods based on mutual agreement, availability of budgeted funds and approval by City Council. Future modifications and renewals will be required to incorporate additional green infrastructures into this contract as facilities are constructed and turned over to the City for maintenance.

This legislation seeks to modify to add funding to the indefinite quantity contract. This Ordinance is being submitted in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code pertaining to contract modifications and renewals.

**SUPPLIER:** Watershed Organic Lawn Care (31-1653866) (Vendor #005742), Expires 3/31/25

The company is not debarred according to the Excluded Party Listing System of the Federal Government or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State Unresolved Findings for Recovery Certified Search.

1. Amount of additional funds: Total amount of additional funds needed for the this indefinite quantity contract modification is \$25,000.00. Total contract amount including this renewal is \$1,123,500.00.
2. Reasons additional funds were not foreseen: The need for additional funds was known at the time of the initial contract. This funding increase is to provide the additional funding necessary for the payment of services to be provided through October 31, 2023.
3. Reason other procurement processes were not used: Work under this modification is a continuation of services included in the scope of the original bid contract. No lower pricing/more attractive terms and conditions are anticipated at this time.
4. How cost was determined: The cost, terms and conditions are in accordance with the original agreement.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$25,000.00 is budgeted and needed for this service.

\$309,246.71 was spent in 2022  
\$245,653.47 was spent in 2021

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to modify to extend the contract and increase funding on an indefinite quantity contract with Watershed Organic Lawn Care for the Green Infrastructure Inspection and Maintenance Project; and to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000.00 from the Stormwater Operating Fund. (\$25,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Utilities entered into an indefinite quantity contract for the Green Infrastructure Inspection and Maintenance Project in accordance with Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code, pursuant to solicitation, RFQ015680, with Watershed Organic Lawn Care being the lowest, responsive, responsible and best bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, this original contract language allowed for a one (1) year contract with the option to renew the agreement for two (2) additional years on a year to year basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Utilities wishes to modify to extend the contract and increase funding to the indefinite quantity contract with Watershed Organic Lawn Care for Green Infrastructure Inspection and Maintenance Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the vendor has agreed to modify to extend the expiration of the contract and to increase the indefinite quantity contract at current prices and conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities to authorize the Director to modify to increase the funding on the indefinite quantity contract with Watershed Organic Lawn Care for Green Infrastructure Inspection and Maintenance Project, thereby preserving the public peace, property, health, welfare, and safety; and **NOW THEREFORE**;

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Public Utilities be and is hereby authorized to modify to increase an indefinite quantity contract with Watershed Organic Lawn Care for Green Infrastructure Inspection and Maintenance Project, in accordance with the terms and conditions as shown in the agreement on file in the Department of Public Utilities. Total amount of this modification is \$25,000.00. Total contract amount including this modification is \$1,123,500.00.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$25,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, be and is hereby authorized in Object Class 03 Services in Fund 6200-Stormwater Operating per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.